

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IMPACTS OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE ON WILDFIRE ACTIVITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine scientific assessments of the impacts of global climate change on wildfire

activity in the United States, after receiving testimony from Ann Bartuska, Deputy Chief, Research and Development, and Susan Conard, National Program Leader, Fire Ecology Research, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Thomas W. Swetnam, University of Arizona, Tucson; and John A. Helms, University of California Department of Forestry and Resource Management, Berkeley, on behalf of the Society of American Foresters.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3633–3647; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51; H. Con. Res. 217–218 and H. Res. 670–674 were introduced. **Pages H10755–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10756–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3046, to amend the Social Security Act to enhance Social Security account number privacy protections, to prevent fraudulent misuse of the Social Security account number, and to otherwise enhance protection against identity theft, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–339);

H.R. 3121, to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program and to provide for such program to make available multiperil coverage for damage resulting from windstorms and floods, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–340);

H.R. 1199, to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children (H. Rept. 110–341, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1943, to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons (H. Rept. 110–342);

H. Res. 79, recognizing the establishment of Hunters for the Hungry programs across the United States and the contributions of those programs' efforts to decrease hunger and help feed those in need (H. Rept. 110–343);

H. Con. Res. 25, expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber (H. Rept. 110–344, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3375, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3

months, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–345); and

H. Res. 675, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 679) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–346). **Pages H10754–55**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10699**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:38 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H10700**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Encouraging participation in hunting and fishing, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Hunting and Fishing Day and the efforts of hunters and fishermen toward the scientific management of wildlife and conservation of the natural environment: H. Res. 634, amended, to encourage participation in hunting and fishing, and to support the goals and ideals of National Hunting and Fishing Day and the efforts of hunters and fishermen toward the scientific management of wildlife and conservation of the natural environment;

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Honoring the 75th anniversary of Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina: H. Con. Res. 186, to honor the 75th anniversary of Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina; **Page H10702**

Recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety: H. Con. Res. 193, to recognize all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 385 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 891; **Pages H10702–03, H10734**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day ought to be established to bring awareness to the issue of missing persons: H. Res. 303, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that a day ought to be established to bring awareness to the issue of missing persons;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day: H. Res. 605, to support the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day;

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Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Act of 2007: H.R. 1520, to establish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission;

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Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act: H.R. 1389, amended, to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission;

Pages H10713–16

Authorizing grants for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library: H.R. 1664, to authorize grants for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library;

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Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2007: H.R. 3540, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund;

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Agreed to amend the title to read as follows: “To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.”.

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Recognizing the establishment of Hunters for the Hungry programs across the United States and the contributions of those programs’ efforts to decrease hunger and help feed those in need: H. Res. 79, to recognize the establishment of Hunters for the Hungry programs across the United States and the contributions of those programs’ efforts to decrease hunger and help feed those in need;

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Pesticide Registration Improvement Renewal Act: S. 1983, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, and to extend and improve the collection of maintenance fees—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10721–24

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the September 25, 1957, desegregation of Little Rock Central High School by the Little Rock Nine: H. Res.

668, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the September 25, 1957, desegregation of Little Rock Central High School by the Little Rock Nine, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 892;

Pages H10724–27, H10734–35

Drug Endangered Children Act of 2007: H.R. 1199, to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 389 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 893;

Pages H10727–29, H10735–36

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives of the importance of providing a voice for the many victims (and families of victims) involved in missing persons cases and unidentified human remains cases: H. Res. 340, to express the sense of the House of Representatives of the importance of providing a voice for the many victims (and families of victims) involved in missing persons cases and unidentified human remains cases, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 389 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 894;

Pages H10729–30, H10736

Financial Services Diversity Initiative: H. Con. Res. 140, amended, to recognize the low presence of minorities in the financial services industry and minorities and women in upper level positions of management, and to express the sense of the Congress that active measures should be taken to increase the demographic diversity of the financial services industry; and

Pages H10730–32

Supporting the goals and ideals of Federal Credit Union Month and recognizing the importance of Federal credit unions to the economy, and their critical mission in serving those of modest means: H. Res. 658, to support the goals and ideals of Federal Credit Union Month and to recognize the importance of Federal credit unions to the economy, and their critical mission in serving those of modest means.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until a later date:

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Life Insurance Awareness Month”: H. Res. 584, to support the goals and ideals of “National Life Insurance Awareness Month”;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 210, to support the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; and

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Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day: H. Res. 663, to support the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day.

Pages H10707-09

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H10700 and H10736.

Senate Referrals: S. 456 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Committee on Education and Labor.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10734, H10734-35, H10735-36 and H10736. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 976, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes. The rule makes in order a motion by the chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce that the House concur in each of the Senate amendments to H.R. 976 with the respective amendment printed in the Rules Committee report.

The rule waives all points of order against the motion except those arising under clause 10 of the rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read.

The rule provides 1 hour general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. Testimony was heard by Chairman Dingell and Representatives Pallone, Barton, and Lincoln Diaz-Balart.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine two years after Hurricanes

Katrina and Rita, focusing on housing needs in the Gulf Coast, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 1756, to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine green jobs created by global warming initiatives, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine home and community based care, focusing on expanding options for long-term care, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David T. Johnson, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), P. Robert Fannin, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, and Paul E. Simons, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine strengthening the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), focusing on the efficacy of the Protect America Act, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Daniel Tinder, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Robert M. Dow, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine research and treatment for Gulf War illnesses, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Safety of Imported Foods, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Capitol Visitor Center, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "From Imus to Industry: The Business of Stereotypes and Degrading Images," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3521, Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 2930, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2007; H.R. 3355, Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007; and H.R. 3524, HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 946, Consumer Overdraft Protection Fair Practices Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on PEPFAR Reauthorization: From Emergency to Sustainability, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on APEC 2007: Advancing U.S. Exports to the Asia-Pacific Region, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.